

MINUTES OF ROWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Bob Knight (Chair)
Glenys Harrison (Vice-Chair)
Paul Shannon
Peter Thomas

In attendance: Clerk Christine Davies
6 local residents

1 Apologies

Cllr Howard Hopwood (holiday) and Councillor Stuart Parker (attending CWaC meeting)

2 Declaration of Interest

None

3 To consider the approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10 September 2018

Resolved: Minutes approved and signed as a true record by Cllr Bob Knight (Chair)

4 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Village Walk – Popular event aided by good weather and excellent refreshments. It was unanimously agreed to donate the sum of £50 to a charity of David Cumming's choosing. Donation to be confirmed at January 2019 meeting.

5 Public Participation

6 members of the public attended regarding agenda item re Pedestrian Crossing.

6 Highways

i) Report back re request for Pedestrian Crossing. The Chair confirmed that CWaC had undertaken an initial 1-hour assessment of the location to determine if it met their criteria for further consideration of the installation of a crossing. Unfortunately, it failed to meet the threshold having 3 pedestrians crossing during the time frame as opposed to the 28 which would have triggered further investigation. The Parish Council did ask CWaC to take into account the fact that some parents drive their children to school because the

A41 is so busy but CWaC were unable to do so as they can only record the pedestrians witnessed crossing the road during the assessment (8am-9am on a school day).

The residents in attendance agreed that the matter required further action and proposed to organise a petition. Cllr Peter Thomas had discussed this matter with the local PCSO Jack Makin and he had also suggested a petition and would be willing to support the campaign. The Chair requested the Clerk to contact local CWaC Cllr Stuart Parker for his advice regarding a petition. Barbara Clarke, one of the residents, agreed to be the point of contact regarding the petition.

One of the residents pointed out that the pavement on the opposite side of Rowton Lane junction with the A41 towards the Cheshire Cat was not wide enough for wheelchair users due to the build-up of debris/impacted mud. As this is in the parish of Christleton it was agreed to inform their parish clerk of this for action.

One of the residents provided the name and address to the parish clerk of the land owner whose property borders the Rowton Lane junction with the A41 for her to write to them to request the overgrown hedge to be cut back.

ii) Build-up of mud on pavement nr Vaynol, Whitchurch Road: Clerk reported that she had forwarded the photographs taken by Cllr Pete Thomas of the pavement to Colin Rich-Parker at Streetscene. It is in their programme of works but no date given.

iii) Request by local resident for improvement to road surface at Moor Lane junction with A41: Cllr Paul Shannon volunteered to check state of road surface and notify Clerk of any action to be taken.

iv) Rowton Gateway Signage: Clerk confirmed that Cheshire Local History Association have requested that an additional sign be placed under the Rowton gateway sign which reads "Home of Rowton Moor Battlefield 1645". The ward's Councillors Stuart and Margaret Parker are contributing to the cost of signage.

v) Village Ward Speed Group: Cllr Peter Thomas volunteered to be Parish Representative.

vi) Meeting with PCSO Jack Makin Cllr Peter Thomas reported that he had a very useful meeting with the PCSO who is very keen to tackle speeding issues but is hampered by shortage of speedcams. Another operation to target Irish HGV's on the A41 is to take place. PCSO Makin also recommended the need to gather information for a petition regarding a pedestrian crossing.

7 Village Green

Clerk confirmed that Steve Beech who had previously cut the Green for

£15/cut is agreeable to continue. Cllr Shannon advised that the new owners of Rowton Hall Hotel are very willing to engage with the local community and have agreed to look into the possibility of using their staff to cut the Village Green at no cost to the Parish Council, subject to satisfactory insurance being in place. We await further news.

8 Village Green Volunteer Group

Cllr Shannon reported that the group is working well and it was agreed that the Memorial area is looking very attractive. The number of volunteers is down to 6, ideally he would like 7/8. Perhaps this could be an item in a future newsletter.

9 Finance

The following expenditure was approved: -

Payments	Amount	Cheque No
Rowton Poplars Hotel refreshments re Village Walk	£150.00	000708
SLCC – Annual Subscription	£72.00	000709
A.Cartwright T/A ACC Bus Sol re work to website	£98.75	000710
Ladywell Accountancy Services – Annual Fee	£45.00	000711
CM Davies Sept Sal 186.21 + 25.76 Exp	£211.97	000712
CM Davies reimbursement of printing of Carols Flyer	£25.00	000713
CM Davies Oct Sal 175.25 + 24.69 Exp	£199.94	000714
Rowton Methodist Church – Room Hire	£175.00	000715
Bank Balance as at 05/11/18	£5026.30	

Cllr Peter Thomas signed and dated a copy of the electronic cash book reconciliation.

10 Planning

Planning Application 18/01574/FUL re Moor Cottage: Erection of 3 x dwellings withdrawn. Subsequent Planning Application 18/03467/FUL received re land at Moor Cottage: erection of one dwelling. Parish Council opposed application on the following grounds: overload to drainage system, concerns re traffic flow safety and building line too close to next property. Amendment to 18/01143/FUL re Orchard End: demolition of existing building and construction of 2-storey detached dwelling – No Comment submitted. 18/04216/FUL re Rowton Hall Hotel Ltd: change of use of admin offices and lodge for hotel bedrooms and admin – No Comment to be submitted by 23/11/18.

11 Carols on the Green – Thursday 13 December

Flyers to be distributed at the weekend. Refreshments to cater for approx. 40 people. Cllr Harrison to purchase following:- 8 x Glühwein, 8 x pack 6 mince pies, 1 x squash, tub of Heroes, paper plates, corrugated/polystyrene cups. Cllr Harrison to provide 4 x 2L flasks for warmed Glühwein and table, Cllr

Thomas to provide cool box and a table. Cllr Hopwood to provide gazebo. Cllr Knight to approach Pat Fitton for use of keyboard. Christmas tree has been ordered from Walkers and Clerk to obtain delivery date. Cllr Thomas to test a leisure battery for powering of Christmas lights prior to purchase of battery, inverter and timer. Cllr Knight to approach Pat Fitton to ask if Richard Fitton and Richard Salmon are willing to put up the lights on the tree.

12 Public Services Mapping Agreement

Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council is now a member at no cost, however, the website is not easy to use or navigate. She will forward the username and password to councillors for their usage.

13 Unidentified Drones flying over Parish

This item had been requested by Cllr Peter Thomas, but there have been no more sightings.

14 Correspondence

Letter from Royal Mail re awareness of scam mail.

Brochures from Glasdon, Broxap and HAGS.

Clerks and Councils Direct - Nov 2018

Request from Christleton Parish Hall re Christmas Wreath Making Workshop notice to be displayed on Noticeboards – Agreed, Clerk to action

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15 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14 January 2019